Attention: Mr. Jason Proue, Examiner

Re: Further explanation of tools

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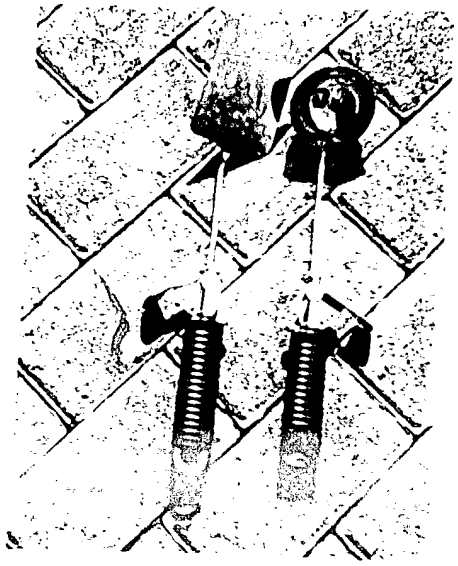
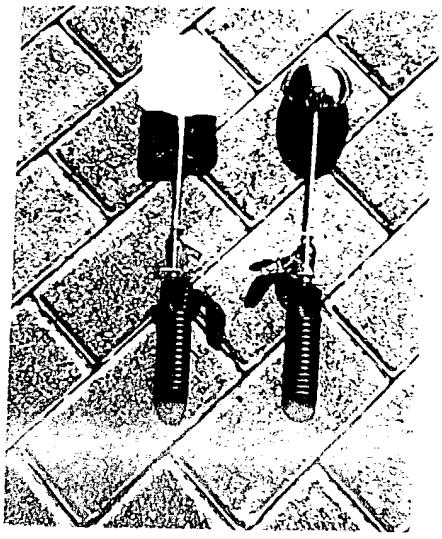
Enclosed is additional information and explanations that I believe will clarify any questions as to how the EZE Spatula and EZE Ladle operate. Also enclosed are two photographs of the tools



#1 Right Side View



#2 Upside down View

SPATULA rotate to the right

LADLE rotate to the left

The only difference in the two are the thumb levers and springs #5 and #6

Other than that, the tools operate the same.

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EZE SPATULA AND EZE LADLE

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION AND OPERATION OF TOOLS

For the person that was to manufacture the tools, the design would make it possible for the manufacturer to determine which would be the preferred way for it to rotate—either to the right or to the left. Both directions are possible by interchanging the thumb lever and the springs #5 and #6. With the drawings and explanation the two different springs, #5 and #6, also the two different thumb levers are the only difference in the tools design. They determine whether the tool will rotate right or left.

By interchanging the thumb lever and the springs #5 and #6 it is possible to rotate to the right or to the left.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Explanation of Drawings of Sheet 2 of 3

#1 fits into the handle of #2.

#3 goes through shaft of #4

#4 holds springs #5 or #6

#5 or #6 goes top of springs depending which is desired movement to right or to the left--(refer to explanation)

#4, #6 and #7 held in place by #8

#9 rotating gear goes through its hole of #4 and fastens onto shaft #11 of tool & into #3

#10 is overall view of parts

#11 flattened portion of shaft of tool fits into corresponding shape of #9

Refer to Explanation of thumb levers #5 springs #5 and #6

Spring #5 and thumb lever would allow the tool to rotate to the right

When pressed the thumb lever is to the left of tool. The spring #6 and thumb lever would allow the tool to rotate to the left. The thumb lever would be to the right hand side of the tool.

Possibly enclosed pictures would give you a better insight.

Spring #5 and #6 are opposite of one another thus allowing movement to the left or movement to the right.

SPECIFICATIONS

EZE LADLE and EZE SPATULA

The invention will include 2 tools that use the same principle in their operation. No. 1 is a Ladle and No. 2 is a Spatula. The principle used in operating both 1 and 2 is that by holding the Ladle or Spatula by the handle and pressing the operating lever the Ladle can turn over to the Left; the Spatula can turn over to the Right. A coiled spring (shown in the drawing) under the thumb lever allows the Ladle or Spatula to return when the lever is released. The coiled springs differ in that they are built in reverse of one another allowing the action to be to the right or to the left. When viewing the spatula the thumb lever is to the left allowing movement to the right; viewing the Ladle the thumb lever is to right allowing movement to the left. (Refer to Sheet 1 of 3). Both the Ladle and Spatula will provide more efficiency in the preparation and serving of the food. I have a working model of each. The drawings will give you a better understanding of their operation.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

We have always had spatulas and ladles. They were simple in structure. My invention allows the user to handle the ladle and spatula with greater control, less effort and greater efficiency.

CLAIM

What I claim as my invention is that the Ladle and Spatula allow the user to press on the thumb attachment allowing the movement to the left or to the right as showed in the drawings. The spatula will move to the right; the ladle will move to the left. The spatula would allow the food on it to be turned over to the left or right. The liquid in the ladle could be poured either to the left or the right for greater ease, control and efficiency in the preparation and presenting of food.

OATH OR DECLARATION

I, Thomas J. Rauber, am the sole inventor of the EZE Spatula and EZE Ladle. I have working models of each. My mailing address is: Thomas John Rauber, 6050 Vista Hill, Dansville, New York 14437. I am a USA citizen living in Livingston County.

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Sworn to before Notary Public _____ Date 15th day of September, 2004

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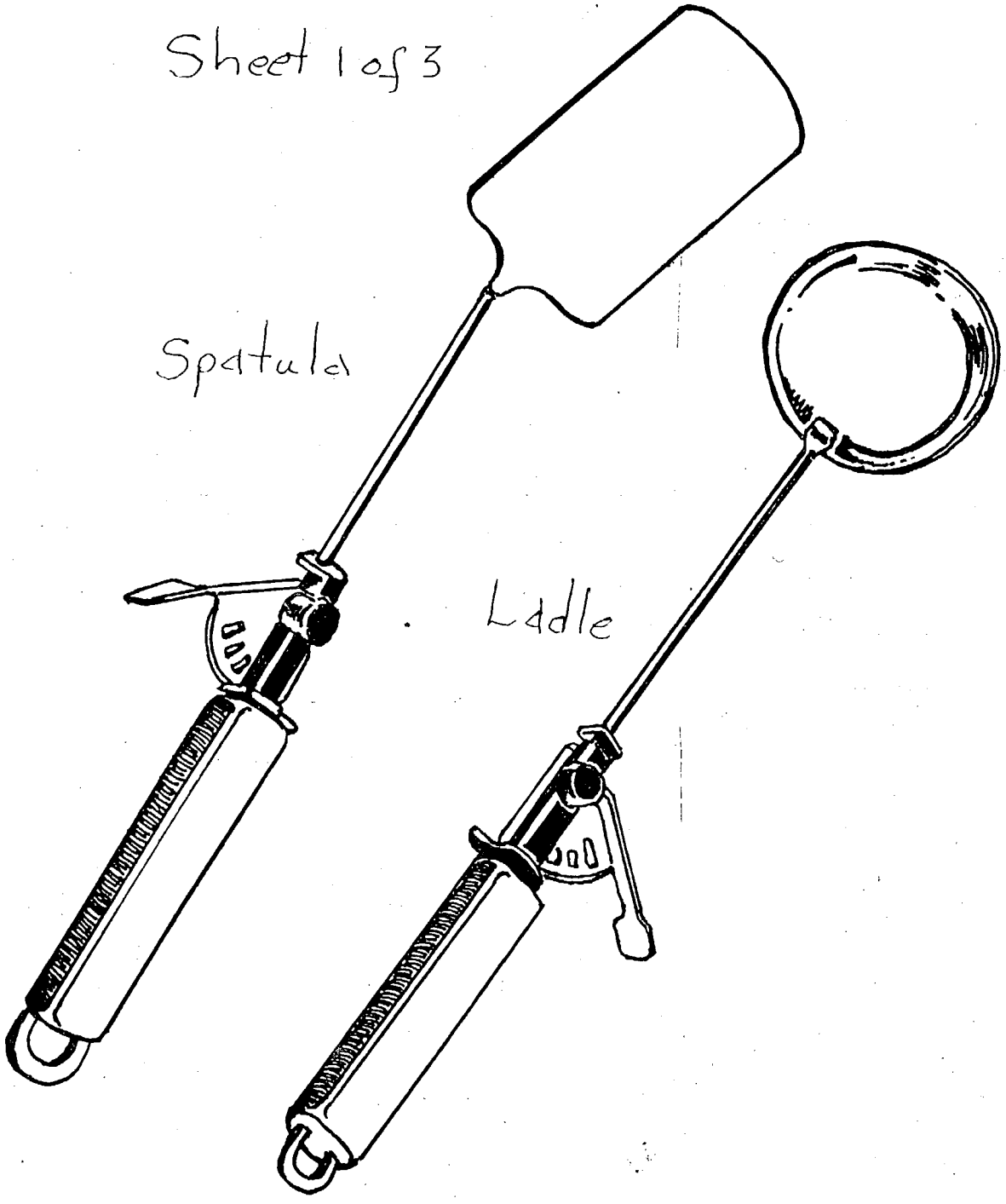
EXPLANATION OF DRAWINGS

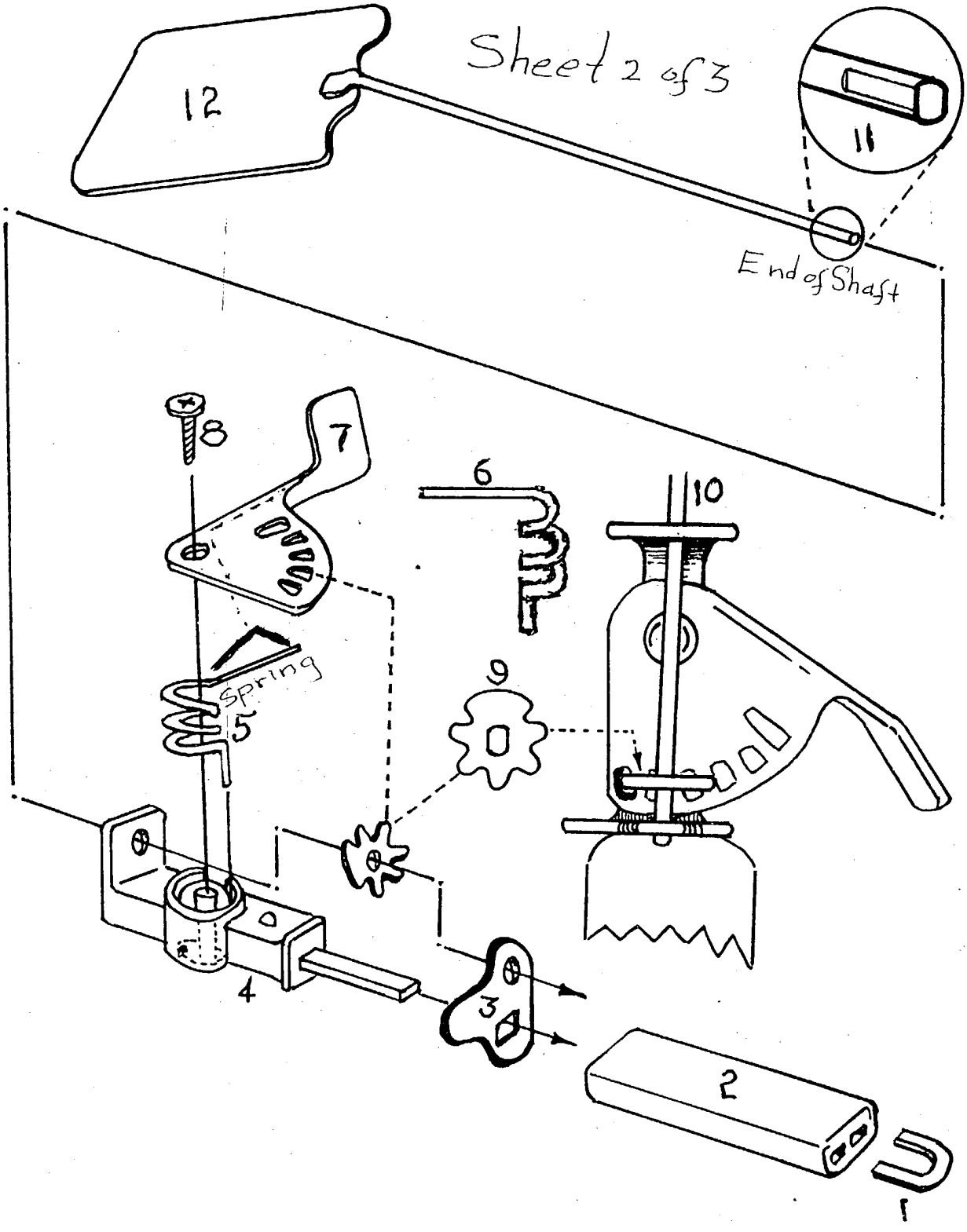
Description of Parts

1. Hanger Bracket
2. Handle
3. Support for each end of shaft
4. Frame, spring holder, cogs and thumb operation
5. Spring controlling movement to the Right and Return
6. Spring controlling movement to the Left and Return
7. Operating lever, cogs for rolling sprocket to ride on
8. Screw that holds spring and operating lever together
9. Sprocket that controls EZE Spatula and Ladle movement
10. Shaft at the end has a Spatula or a Ladle
11. End of shaft has two flat surfaces holding and locking sprocket in place
12. Spatula or Ladle

SHEET 1 of 3 Drawings



SHEET 2 of 3 Drawings



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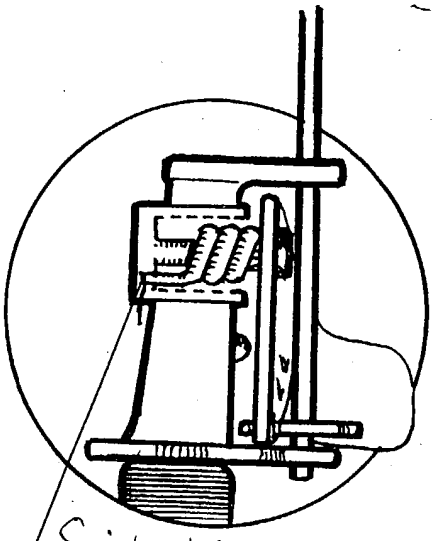

Side View
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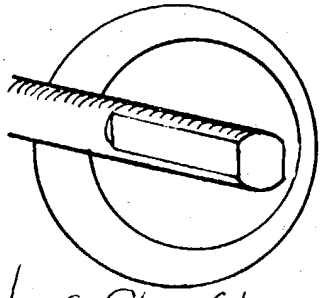
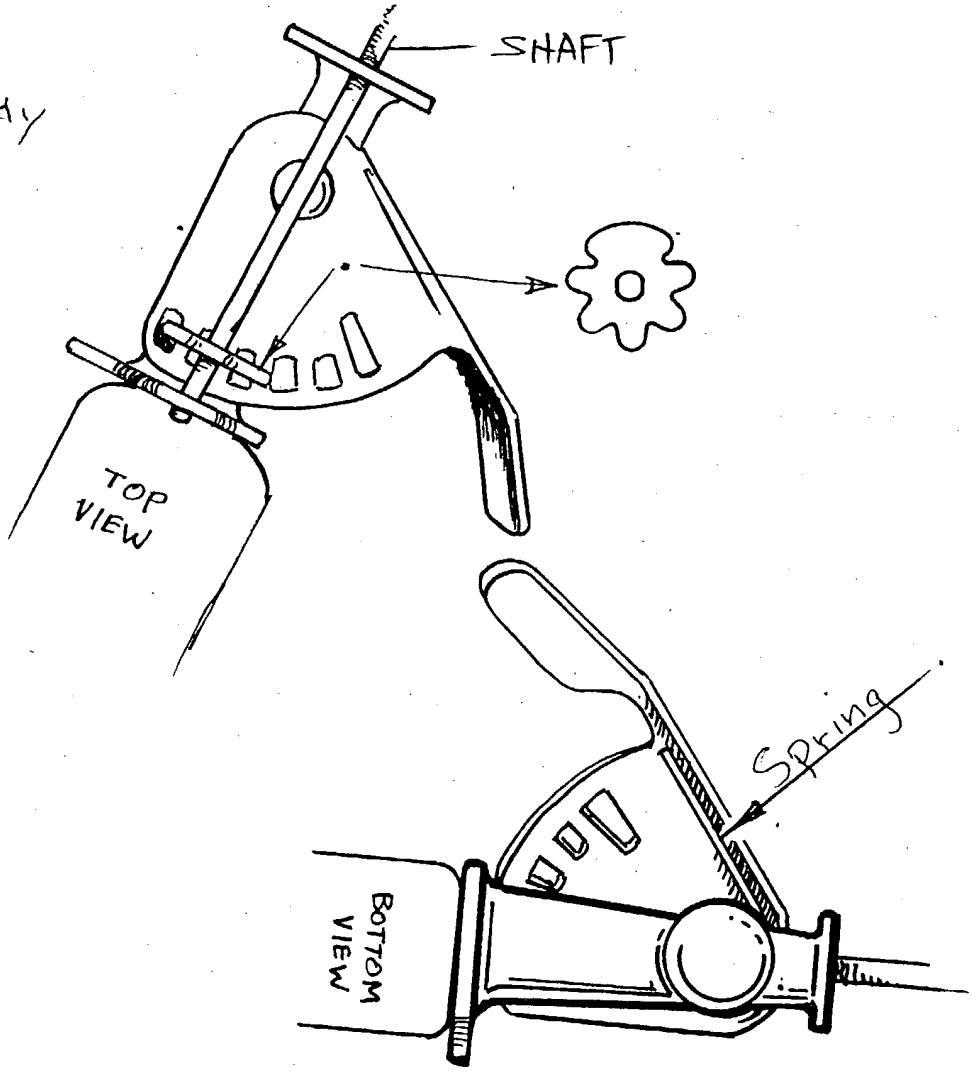


End of Shaft



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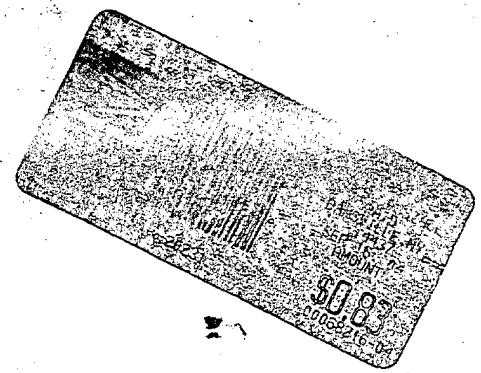

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